

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held at Pilton Village Hall

Wednesday 7 December 2022

Present: Cllrs Woodhouse, Hall, Noble, Moulder, Hollings, Sumner, Roberts, Powell and King.

In Attendance: G Pettitt, (Parish Clerk), 5 members of the public.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Noted blocked drains causing flooding at Burford House, Winters Hill and Summer Hill. Clerk will report via Report a Problem on the Road.
- Junction of A361 and B3136 request to place a no entry sign and to cut back foliage
- Request to arrange meetings for GFEL / Village meetings.

104. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

All members present.

105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

106. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

No exclusions of Press and public required.

107. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

108. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of 2 November as an accurate record with amendment to amend item 91.a. GFEL to delete '... published in 2021 ...' and to add 'when reports are available'. Approved with amendment.

109. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

- a. Avon & Somerset Police - Noted. Police and Crime Commissioner meeting - Cllr King reported that his presentation was impressive including projects on cybercrime.
- b. Mendip District Council
- c. Somerset County Council - Noted that Band D tax base should be available in early December.

110. POLICIES

- a. Complaints Policy - Cllr Hall and Clerk will work on this and bring to next meeting.

111. UNITARY AUTHORITY

- a. Cllr Hall summarised the LCN report from Somerset, which will be clarified further in January with some principles such as respecting the rurality of the county, the diversity of the landscape, to align LCNs with the care system. Noted Planning will not be within LCN business. Noted the SALC and SLCC working on a draft partnership agreement between parish councils and the Unitary Authority.

112. SOMERSET SHOOTING GROUND

- a. Cllr King reported on meeting at Somerset Shooting Ground - noted that the Code is guidance only, i.e. voluntary. Officers stated that it is almost impossible to keep to the guidelines, for example, the distance from housing. Cllrs will meet with the officer, Richard Allard at Mendip Offices in the New Year. There are possible areas of concession - discuss better consultation on fixture list. Pilton will put fixture list on the website.

113. FLOODING AT ST MARY'S LANE

- a. Cllr Hollings reported that two water courses converge at St Marys Lane, the culvert is disused. Investigation continues. Drains are silted up, the pipe narrows at St Marys. Actions include: install a plastic fix; highways to clear storm drains;

clearance of Totterdown Lane ditch; include Burford area.

RESOLVED:

- To approve that St Mary's Cottage owner to install plastic culvert under his property to fix the collapsed culvert;
- to request Highways expedite the repair and re-opening of St Mary's Ln;
- to request clearance of all storm drains by highways;
- to request private land owner undertakes clearance of ditch running down Totterdown Lane by highways, and installation of a grate at the entrance to the culvert where it goes underneath the pub car park to prevent debris entering the system;
- to request installation of grates by land owners at The Cot, and the Village Hall/Hazel, Orchard/South View boundary where culvert goes under car park to prevent debris entering the system;
- to Request ditch/waterways owners to maintain and monitor the ditches and ensure debris doesn't build up on the grates at the culvert entrances;
- to inform Wessex Water and/or Environment agency of the suspected sewage / pollution to trigger an investigation and clear it up. Approved.

Noted a member of the public has information on water courses in the village.

Noted Burford to farmyard culverts and Cullverwell House adjacent road drains also become blocked.

114. TRAFFIC

- a. Burford potholes are growing in size - to be reported on SCC portal. An old badger sett has collapsed at Walters Cottage causing drainage issues. Cllrs will mark on maps to enable reporting and investigate drains in the parish.

New Wall to Shop Lane is potholed and trip hazard. Also Bakery Lane.

NOTE: Blocked drains can be most easily reported through SCC [Report a problem on the road](#) - if parishioners cannot access this portal please email the clerk with details and photos if possible.

To appoint Bus Champion at the next meeting and ask in Roundabout for volunteers.

- b. Remembrance Day event. Cllr King reported that the event went very well and smoothly.
- c. Lamberts Hill - thanks to the officers, highways, landowners who made the land available enable to make the junction safer. Clerk will write to the landowners.

115. WEIR LANE FOOTPATH

- a. C Haskins, SCC Footpaths officer has suggested that if council arranges to remove roots and lay chippings, costs can be recouped from SCC. This option will absolve the need for railings.
- b. ASBO report - The group is working on clearing footpaths including removal of a tyre. Seventy-three observations of SCC council, most have been dealt with - some outstanding including footpaths that have been moved without permission.

116. FINANCE

- a. Cllr Woodhouse reported on the budget for 23/24 and called for ideas from Cllrs for projects, for example Weir Lane, subscriptions etc. next year that may not yet be included in the budget.

- b. Clerk access to bank account and files. Cllr Woodhouse has now received the PIN transfer to take place.

- c. Payments:

RESOLVED: Pay settlement to be taken at the end of the meeting with exclusion of Press and Public. Approved.

RESOLVED: To approve the payments below. Approved.

Noted that £120 has been received in burial fees.

Remembrance Day road signs	85.00
Training – Code of Conduct	25.00
Training – Neighbourhood Planning	25.00
PAYE	761.45

117. PLANNING

- a. To consider the planning application below and any that arise before the date of the meeting.

No. & Officer	Detail	Type
2022/2308 Documents (3) Bo Walsh	<u>T1- Quercus Ilex- Reduce 2x major laterals by approx 2m, reduce height to blend. T2 & T3- Ailanthus- Reduce height by approx 5m & laterals by approx 1-2m.</u> The Old Vicarage Park Hill Pilton Response Date 23 December 2022 Pilton PC Response No Objection 7 December 2022	TCA
2022/2335 Bo Walsh	Link to application letter as application not found on MDC website Removal of 6no. Hedgerow Bath Road, Kilver Street Hill, Ridge Lane Response Date 22 December 2022 Pilton PC Response This application is not in Pilton Parish. No Objection 7 December 2022.	HDG

118. Matters of Report

- a. Items for Roundabout January '22 - New date of meeting; call to remove posters from telegraph poles; call for Bus Champion; to monitor roadside ditches and either report if on SCC land or clear if on private land.
- b. Cllr Noble reported overgrown vegetation on numerous house boundaries.

Item 116.c. Members of Press and Public left the meeting.

RESOLVED: To approve the staff pay settlement back dated to April 2022. Approved.

Date of next meeting: 11 January 2023

Signed

Date